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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Michele C. Flood

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Title: A METHOD FOR REGULATING THE APPEARANCE OF SKIN CONTAINING
COMBINATION OF SKIN CARE ACTIVES

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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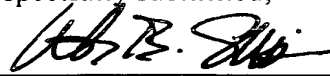
Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction mailed January 12, 2006, Applicants hereby elect group I, claims 1-3, drawn to a method for regulating the appearance of skin comprising topically applying to the skin a composition comprising a low molecular weight hydrolysable tannin. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed, inasmuch as it is clear, for example, from the groups as set forth at pages 2 and 3 of the restriction requirement, that a search of any of the methods results in a search for *all* of the methods, inasmuch as all methods are contained in class 422, subclass 62. In such a situation, where there is little, if any, additional burden upon the examiner to search the entirety of the claims of an application, the MPEP *requires* the examiner to search the entire invention in a single application. See MPEP § 803. As such, it is submitted that the restriction requirement cannot, and should not, be maintained. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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